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CIVIL AVIATION
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GROWTH OF AIR CARGO
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets fixed and the actual growth of air cargo at the main airports of the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the reasons for decline in this regard and the estimated growth is likely to be there in the coming five years;

(c) the steps taken/being taken to strengthen the basic amenities, expansion work, modernisation and to start automatic systems to handle the increasing volume of air cargo; and

(d) the estimated investment required to strengthen and to expand the basic network for the optimum use of the expected increase in air cargo in the coming five years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) The details of the targets fixed and the actual growth of air cargo at the main airports (Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata) of the country during the last three years are given at Annexure.

(b) There is negligible decline in actual traffic vis-a-vis the targets.

(c) To meet the increasing volume of air cargo, steps have been taken to implement e-trade for transmission of messages eletronically among the community partners, Bar Coding of consignments, reduced free period to speed up the clearance of import and export cargo at airports.

(d) The estimated investment required to expand the basic network to increase air cargo in the coming five years is about Rs.763 crores.

ANNEXURE DETAILS OF TARGET FIXED AND THE ACTUAL GROWTH OF AIR CARGO ON THE MAIN AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTRY DURING EACH OF THE LAST THREE YEARS.

International Cargo (In '00000 MT)

Mumbai Airport

	Target	Actual
2004-05	2.73	2.73
2005-06	3.03	2.88
2006-07	3.33	3.28

Delhi Airport

	Target	Actual

2004-05 2.38 2.37

2005-06 2.58 2.73

2006-07 2.78 2.73

Chennai Airport

	Target	Actual
2004-05	1.50	1.46
2005-06	1.65	1.67
2006-07	1.82	1.95

Kolkata Airport

	Target	Actual
2004-05	0.32	0.30
2005-06	0.35	0.32
2006-07	0.40	0.36